



### Message from Headteacher

Welcome back. Have you noticed the change to the garden area adjacent to the glass corridor? Over the break the bamboo was removed, it had got out of control and at times made walking past difficult, as well as looking generally untidy. The area now looks a lot brighter and holds such potential. We are in the process of having the bamboo killed (school friendly) and so planting isn't an option immediately but as I'm not a gardener I would love to hear any ideas you might have for this area. You could use the contact form on the website.

During the holiday, we also revamped the KS2 library in line with our new Accelerated Reader home reading initiative, and started plans to refurbish the ICT room, which will begin at Easter.

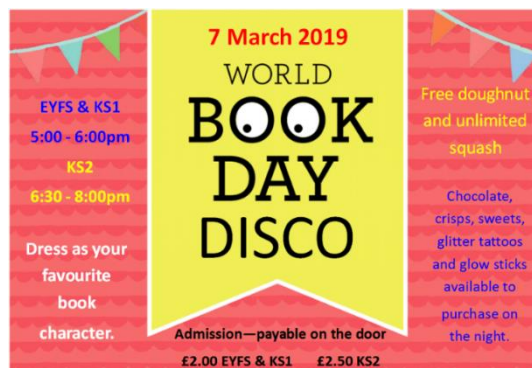
### World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2019

We will be celebrating World book day together by completing work and sharing stores across the school. We are also holding a book shop where children can purchase pre-loved books for up to 50p each. Teachers will take each class to the book stall throughout the day. For a donation to school (suggested £1), children can wear non-uniform and the disco offers the opportunity for them to dress up as a book character if they wish. All monies raised this day will go towards buying new books for our Accelerated Reader home reading library.

### Disco – Thursday 7th March 2019

You have received a letter with information of the discos this week. It is also available on the website under Parents and Families, virtual office.

Please ensure that KS2 CHILDREN bring the COMPLETED CONTACT DETAILS forms to the disco. If you could help at either/both disco's this would be very much appreciated. Please let the office staff know.



### What's on next week

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March:

- Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm
- KS2 Archery 3.20-4.20pm

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- Woodwind, Singing and Guitar Lessons
- KS2 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March:

- Violin and Keyboard Lessons

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March:

- Drum Lessons
- Year 3 Swimming
- KS1 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm
- World Book Day Disco EYFS/KS1 5-6pm  
KS2 6.30-8pm

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March:

- KS2 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm



### Years 1 & 2

Years 1 and 2 started their new theme this week - 'Paws, claws and Whiskers'; a topic about domestic and wild animals. They had fun drawing and creating animal masks and making clay animals too. Thank you, once again, for the amazing homework you have helped the children produce. If your child's isn't finished yet - bring it in next week so that we can display it on our boards. We have introduced a new text for our writing focus - 'Tigers'; a non-fiction report that the children are learning lots of facts from, as well as considering how an information text can be structured. If you have information books at home, see if your child can locate some of the common features.



### Years 3 & 4

We've had a really amazing time in Year 3/4 seeing all the creative homework brought into school. There have been so many different 3d models created and posters/fact files etc produced to such a high standard. Many thanks to all for helping us kick start the children's learning for their Theme - Predators.

We have begun work on our next piece of writing which is all about 'dilemmas'.

After dissecting a text, we will now begin planning to write our own stories.

In maths, we have worked hard on telling the time and any help at home with minutes past and minutes to would be appreciated!

### Years 5 & 6

We started our week with our WOW 'Art to Start' day where we used a variety of resources to create art work related to plants and animals. This half term our theme is Darwin's Delights; we have begun by looking at a timeline of Charles Darwin's life. We have learnt a little bit about his voyage on the HMS Beagle and have briefly mentioned the Galapagos Islands. As we continue through this theme we will see many of the wonderful plants and animals that he saw on these islands.

As part of our 'Wow Start' to our new theme 'Darwin's Delight', Year 5 and 6 spent the day making their own clay fossils. We enjoyed using the tools to sculpt and add detail to our intricate designs. It was great fun!







## ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Week Commencing: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Whole School Attendance: 98%

Year Group:	Percentage Attendance:
Reception	98%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	97%

House point totals  
Week Commencing: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

	<b>174</b>		<b>192</b>
	<b>195</b>		<b>189</b>

## Chadsmead Primary Academy Choir

We are delighted to have had so many new pupils joining our KS2 Choir recently. With 52 members, our group is now at its largest for many years. The pupils are making a super sound and start Tuesdays off with a really lovely atmosphere in school.

We will not be taking any more members at this time. If any other pupils are interested, please aim to sign up in September.

## NSPCC and O2: Online Safety

The TEAM approach:

T - Talk to your child about what they are doing and how to stay safe online

E - Explore their accounts and behaviour online

A - Agree rules as a family in terms of use and times. Remember ultimately you are the adult, you are in charge

M - Manage settings to keep your child safe

Visit O2 website <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/guru> for free help and advice or visit the local shop in Lichfield. You can pop in for free online safety advice from one of their 'O2 gurus'. They'll help you to put restrictions in place or just give you general advice on how to keep your child safe online.



Are you a parent or carer? Do you need help or support in the evenings and at the weekend?

If so, call our free Parent Helpline for confidential support and information.

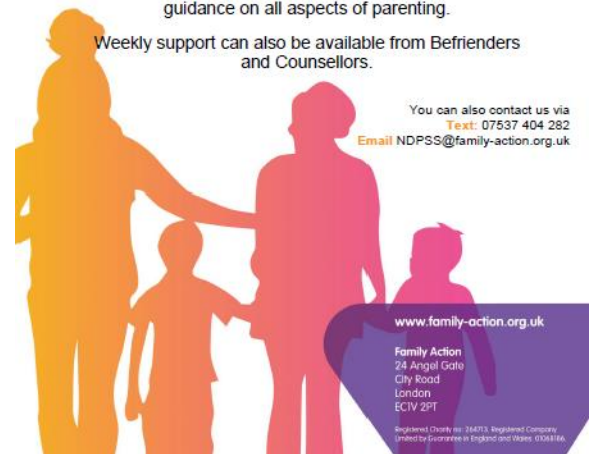
Parent Helpline: 0808 802 0222

Open weekdays 6pm to 10pm, weekends 10am to 1pm  
Available for parents and carers across England.

We can provide emotional support and guidance on all aspects of parenting.

Weekly support can also be available from Befrienders and Counsellors.

You can also contact us via  
Text: 07537 404 282  
Email [NDPSS@family-action.org.uk](mailto:NDPSS@family-action.org.uk)



## Summer Fair – June 2019

With the PTFA severely depleted, I am considering the possibility that the organisation of a 'summer fair' may not happen this year. It takes a lot of hard work and organising. The Christmas fair, which was a success, did heavily rely on good will of staff, and although we want the best for the children of Chadsmead, June/July is already a very busy time in school.

I am asking you all to consider options; can we pull together a committee of parents that could help with just this event? Or do we have other suggestions of a 'summer fundraiser/school event' – there is nothing to say we have to go down the traditional summer fair route.

I would be disappointed to not have any event in the summer and so will leave this thought with you for a few weeks to see if any support or ideas come forward. Thank you, Mrs Grainger.



## Teacher Interview

School council's next interview is with Mr Stevens who was interviewed by Elle and Louie:



1. What inspired you to become a teacher?

*I enjoy all of the school subjects and liked working with children*

2. What did you do before you became a teacher?

*I went to school.*

3. Why do you enjoy teaching?

*I like to teach maths and other subjects*

4. What is your favourite subject to teach? Why?

*PE because it's interesting to see how children work together in different ways.*

5. What house team are you in?

*Staff aren't in a house team so I would like to be in a rainbow team!*

6. What are your favourite hobbies?

*I like playing football, watching football and cooking.*

7. What sort of music do you like?

*I like lots and lots of different types of music - Perhaps Queen: We are the Champions!*

8. If you had a super power, what would it be? Why?

*I would like to see through walls so that I can see what is happening in other places.*

9. If you were head teacher, what would you do to make the school even better?

*I would love to make school colours black and gold (like Wolves' colours) or have longer lunch so children can play outside more!*

© Thank you for letting us interview you today. ©

## Little Princess Trust

A super huge shout out to Molly in Year 6 who has cut her hair and donated it to the Little Princess Trust. This is a charity that gives free wigs to children that have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or illness.



We are very proud of your thoughtfulness.

## SCHOOL EVENTS 2019

### MARCH

7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day Disco EYFS & KS1 - 5-6pm  
KS2 - 6.30-8pm

15<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day – non-school uniform

### APRIL

11<sup>th</sup> Early Years Easter Service 9.15am

12<sup>th</sup> Easter Services for KS2 – 9.30am

Easter Services for KS1 – 2.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays

### MAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Polling Day

6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday

13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> KS2 SATS Tests

21<sup>st</sup> KS2 Summer Music Concert 9.30am

27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Half Term

### JUNE

12<sup>th</sup> Chadsmead's Got Talent

18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Friary/Netherstowe/King Edwards Transition Day

21<sup>st</sup> Inset Day

### JULY

8<sup>th</sup> KS2 Sports Day

9<sup>th</sup> KS1 Sports Day

15<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Prom (tbc)

19<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am

19<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term

## Momo Challenge

On Tuesday, social media was inundated with talk of this 'viral game'. School received phone calls/e-mails and visits from worried parents and carers who did not know what this was about. Staff throughout the school heard children discussing this with their peers and brought this to my attention. In response to this I have provided a letter of information and directed parents to the National Online Safety guidance that has been produced.

I am, however, a little disappointed in the suggestion that school has contributed to this 'hype'. It is always very difficult to support parents and carers with issues regarding home use of the internet and as a parent I understand these. But the intention was to provide information and signpost you to help. At no point has any member of staff brought up this discussion with your children, they have only tried to ease worries and focus attention on more appropriate topics of conversation. Most recent news suggests that it is a hoax, regardless, your children have brought this into school.



